

ORDINANCE _____

REDUCING THE NUMBER OF WARDS FROM FOUR (4) TO TWO (2) WITHIN INDIANA BOROUGH

WHEREAS in the year 2020, the United States Census Bureau conducted a decennial census.

WHEREAS in the year 2021, Indiana Borough, Pennsylvania was provided with the results of said decennial census.

WHEREAS the Borough Council authorized the Borough staff to determine the number of residents within each ward.

WHEREAS it was determined that the number of residents was not equal or reasonably close to being equal and therefore the number of council members for each Ward was not equitably distributed across each ward.

WHEREAS the Borough Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate all options in order to re-apportion the council seats more equitably.

WHEREAS the Ad Hoc Committee presented multiple options to Borough Council.

WHEREAS the Committee's recommendation of a two ward system was believed to be the most reasonable of the options.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDERED and ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Indiana as follows:

1. The Pennsylvania Borough Code § 601(d) Composition states "All wards in the borough shall be numbered and composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable as officially and finally reported in the latest official census".
2. The number of wards shall be reduced from 4 wards to 2 wards.
3. Based upon the population determined by the 2020 United States Census the western ward's population is 7,135 and the eastern ward's population is 6,912.
4. The physical boundary of the wards shall be in accordance with the map of the Borough of Indiana as attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

5. The Borough of Indiana shall review the population of each ward from time to time but at a minimum of every ten (10) years after the publication of the Decennial Census.
6. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2023.

Duly presented and adopted at a regular meeting of the Indiana Borough Council, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, held on the ____ day of _____ 2022.

ATTEST

Indiana Borough

Nichole Sipos
Borough Manager

Peter Broad
Council President

This Ordinance is approved this ____ day of _____, 2022

William Simmons
Mayor, Indiana Borough

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was fully enacted and approved as set forth at the meeting of Council held on _____, and before approval, was advertised in the _____, a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality of Indiana Borough on _____.